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SUBJECT: 1975/76 LECTURER NOMINATIONS

1. EMBASSY REGRETS INFORM CU/EE ITS PROPOSED COMENIUS UNIVERSITY
LECTURER FOR FY 76, HOWARD CALLAS, HAS RECEIVED OFFER FROM SAUDI
ARABIA OF SUCH DISTINCT FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AS
TO EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE HIS EXTENSION FOR SECOND YEAR IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA. TELEGRAPHIC OFFER FROM CONTRACTOR RECEIVED
BY CALLAS, MARCH 19.

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY NOW FULLY SUPPORTS EARLIER BFS
PROPOSAL OF LIHANI AS COMENIUS LECTURER AND REQUESTS CU/EE
PURSUE REACTIVATION HIS CANDIDACY. EMBASSY WILL RENEW
DISCUSSIONS WITH SLOVAK MINED WITHIN WEEK AND WOULD HOPE CU/EE
CAN PROVIDE CONFIRMATION CONTINUED AVAILABILITY LIHANI ASAP.

3. IN REVIEW PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE ENTIRE QUESTION FY 76 LECTURERS,
EMBASSY HAS TAKEN PARTICULAR NOTE OF VALUABLE CU GUIDANCE OFFERED
IN STATE 28707 AND INTENDS TO PROCEED ON BASIS SAME IN LOCAL
DISCUSSIONS ON BOTH PRAGUE AND BRATISLAVA LECTURERS UNLESS
ADNIVSED TO CONTRARY BY CU.

4. IN ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH LIHANI, EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST
REFERENCE TO COMMENDABLE RESULTS CALLAS ADMINISTRATIVE/ACADEMIC
GROUNDWORK DURING THIS YEAR AND OPPORTUNITY LIHAI WILL HAVE TO
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BUILD ON THAT FOUNDATION IN COMING YEAR. CALLAS WAS ACADEMIC ACTIVIS

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WHOSE ENERGIES WILL BE MISSED BY EMBASSY AND WHO FULLY DESERVED
GENEROUS, IF OTHERWISE REGRETTABLE, SAUDI OFFER.

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